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Sir

Responsive to the Non-Final Official Action dated November 19, 2007, applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In addition, applicants have petitioned for a one (1) month extension of time and paid concurrently herewith the appropriate fee for extending the period of response up to and including March 19, 2008.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.